

DM-504

DEPUTIES' MEETING

Wednesday, 8 August 1956

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, Messrs. Wisner, Amory, Lloyd, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Sheldon (part of meeting), General
Mr. [REDACTED]

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Mr. Dulles:

a. Noted he sometimes had difficulty in determining when the letters "US" are used in a cable as to whether we meant U.S.A. or CIA. ACTION: Mr. [REDACTED] will issue appropriate instructions to clarify this.

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b. Noted our people [REDACTED] are furnishing excellent reports on the [REDACTED] situation and asked Mr. [REDACTED] to send a "well done".

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Mr. Wisner:

a. Noted he received a letter from Amb. Bohlen in which he indicated that US school teachers visiting Russia were taking pictures of the type that normally could be obtained from postal cards. However, one of these teachers had informed him (the Ambassador) that he had been instructed by CIA to take these photographs. Mr. Wisner said a careful canvass of the clandestine services indicated no such instructions had emanated from that area of the Agency. Mr. Amory said he knew of no such instructions being given by any of his people, however he would check with AD/O.

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Mr. [REDACTED]

a. Raised the question of the Director's holding a conference in [REDACTED] to be attended by selected Chiefs of Stations from WE Division and pointed out that the Director had recently seen most of the people concerned. After some discussion it was agreed it would not be necessary to hold this conference.

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Mr. Sheldon:

a. Asked the Director whether a decision had been made to offer intelligence briefings to the Presidential candidates during the forthcoming elections. The Director indicated he wished to discuss this with Governor Adams.

b. Asked the Director if he wished intelligence coverage during his forthcoming trip. The Director indicated this would be helpful if it would not be too much of a burden on OCI.

25X1A2g c. Noted that the briefing for the President on the [REDACTED] material was now in final form and would be sent to the Director. Mr. Dulles said he wished first to discuss this with Colonel Goodpaster who returns to Washington on 12 August.

Mr. Amory:

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b. Noted from the way the New York Times and the Washington Post and Times Herald are playing the Chicom invitation for 15 US newspapermen to visit Peiping, in his opinion some of the people invited might go despite State Department disapproval. In view of this, Mr. Amory asked what sort of guidance should be given to OO with respect to briefings. The Director said "we should keep hands off this one".

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